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## Fraternity Somersault

The American college fraternities, which numbered nearly 60,000 active members on the college campuses of the country at the outbreak of the war, contain only 20,000 in their chapters at present, according to a study recently completed by President Gilbert W. Mead of Washington College, Md.

The actual figures show 58,320 active undergraduate members in 1940-41, and 19,926 at present. It is noted that while the membership rolls have declined 65.38 per cent, the national offices of the fraternities have been able to keep 64 per cent of their chapter organizations functioning. In 1940-41, there were 2,322 separate chapters, of which 1,489 still survive, though with much reduced membership, the decline in chapters being 35.89 per cent.

Chapter houses are being largely used by the colleges for other than their original purposes, and chapter membership is very largely composed now of men not eligible, or not yet called, for military duty.

Here at Penn State the situation is practically the same. Of the 47 prewar fraternities, only 18 are active and many of these are not living in their own houses. The ASTP and V-12 occupy a considerable number of the fraternity houses, while many of them remain vacant.

## 30 Town Dormitories

Approximately one-fourth of the 2,000 women students who registered last weekend will live in off-campus dormitories during the spring semester.

Thirty town dormitories will be used by the College to accommodate the coed enrollment. This figure is almost the same as the number used during the 1944-45 fall semester. The houses can handle from eight to 30 women each. Nearly all of them have eating facilities.

The houses will be occupied mainly by freshmen, sophomores, and a few junior transfers. Although the total freshman coed enrollment is not yet known, Registrar William S. Hoffman believes that there will be about 100 first semester women. There were 457 coeds who enrolled at the College last semester.

Nearly 1200 women will live in campus dormitories while the remainder are graduate students and others living at home or working in town.

## No School Spirit

School spirit has been slowly disappearing from the Penn State campus during the past four years. Today there is only a poor imitation of "what used to be."

No better illustration of the present state of affairs can be found than the 1944-45 basketball season. The lack of enthusiasm displayed by College students during the home games was amazing. There weren't more than 10 or 20 students who rang out with "Roar, State" and "Yay, State" when the cheerleaders asked for a response.

Not only was there no school spirit at the basketball contests, but very little at the football and other athletic events. In other extra-curricular activities the calls for support have gone unheeded.

Shall this situation continue? Maybe the All-College Cabinet should consider this matter.

## Penn Statements

By VICTOR DANILOV

The College's wartime graduates are estimated today to be 4,435 following the February graduation of 168 students. President Hetzel conferred 145 bachelor's degrees, 16 master's degrees, and 7 doctorates at the 15th commencement to be held since the College instituted the accelerated program in 1942.

### "Twelfth Night" Success

The Penn State Players should be commended for their excellent presentation of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" on February 9 and 10. The colorful production will go down in the books as one of the best performances in the organization's 25 years of operation.

Director Frank Neusbaum did a superb job of molding together a smooth-working cast with plenty of "show business." The performances of Sydney Friedman, Dick Frontman, Mickey Hamer, Portman Paget, Jane Staus, and Marion Wilder will not be forgotten easily.

### Sorority Rushing

The 275 coeds who pledged national sororities at the College last semester set a new Penn State record. The present group is the largest to be admitted since sororities were first established on the campus in 1922.

Of the 2,000 women students on the campus, approximately 800 are

now affiliated with fraternal organizations. This number is evenly divided among the 14 sororities at the College.

### Run, Barney, Run!

Barney Ewell, who used to puff hard for easy wins when he ran for Penn State, is still picking 'em up and laying 'em down—for a new alma mater, the Army.

The Lancaster Negro star, now Cpl. Ewell of Camp Kilmer, N. J., is enjoying one of his best years in post-graduate running. While at Penn State he was once asked how he got interested in running.

"I ran around with a pretty rough gang of kids as a boy," the ex-Lion ace blurted, "and when we got into trouble, I always wanted to be the fust to get the fustest."

### Concert Singer Coming

An additional Artists' Course number will be presented in Schwab Auditorium May 12 when Richard Crooks, noted concert singer, will give a performance to which Artists' Course patrons will be admitted for a special price.

## Old Mania

By NANCY CARASTRO

As any fool kin plainly see this is a colyum where facts like delta chi Bill Johnson's pinning Binny Adams are printed . . . And if Trudy Lawatsch goes to Annapolis to see Midn. Scotty Schaefer, that's printed too . . . Also, if A/S Mac McNabb puts his Navy ring on Theta Phi Alpha Pearl Trapanis' third finger, left hand, that's at it.

A few other things worth mentioning . . . Gamma phi Jeanie Butz is engaged to Ens. Dick Rathmell of the Merchant Marine . . . ChiO Lois Lunn will be married to Midn. Robert Cowan when he is commissioned in April . . . Ed Williams, alpha zeta, is back to get his M.S. degree, which makes him—and AOPi Fay Young—very happy . . .

Phi delt Jim Dunaway has left school to enter the service . . .

Adie Gluck, AEPi, has been Mrs. Jack Geist for all of two weeks now . . .

Cpl. Blair Cochran came up to see Woody Bell, who wears his gunner's wings . . . Naval Air Cadet Jimmy Tolar journeyed up

to see Pat Trester . . . Lt. Ed Keiser, phi kappa sig, is coming to see Theta Betsy Merkle . . . Another Theta, Mary Ann Higgins, is going down to Norfolk, Va., to see Ens. Tip Lyford, delt . . .

Everyone and her sorority sister seems to have visited with the boyfriend over vacation . . . Delta gam Pat McNally saw S 1/c Bobby Willoughby, home after one year in the South Pacific . . . Gamma Phi Jeanie Duncan visited Lt. Glenn Hawthorne of the AAF . . . Alpha chi Lou Schlieter visited Pvt. Walt Bagnell, USMC, now stationed at Princeton . . . Phi Mu Joan Baker went to New York to see Ens. William Randolph . . . ChiO Ginna Schrader saw Midn. Carl Otto at Annapolis . . . SDT Ruth Constad and Pfc. Danny Kushner saw the sights in New York . . . Delta gam Allene Babbitt was also in NYC seeing phi gam Don Swanson receive an Ensign's commission in the Naval Reserve . . . Alpha chi Betty Wolfram visited Jim Raymond at the Merchant Marine academy in the same city. —MANIAC

## Bored of Education

By WOODENE BELL

What the faculty is doing, thinking, and writing . . . their comings and goings . . . this is faculty news.

Prof. B. K. Johnstone, head of the department of architecture, has been elected president of the central Pennsylvania chapter of the American Institute of Architects . . . Three staff members of the School of Physical Education and Athletics are officers in the Centre County Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. Miss Marie Haidt is president; John Lawther, president-elect; and Miss Jean Swenson, vice-president.

Lt. Col. Howard B. Musser, in the Army Air Corps since 1942, has resumed his duties as professor of experimental agronomy. His job in the service was to rid air fields of dust, and at the same time control the drainage from large hard-surfaced areas . . . Pi Gamma Mu, national social science honorary, has accepted three faculty members, Dr. Walter Coutu, Dr. Wallace Brewster, and Dr. S. Lewis Land . . . Dean Edward Steidle, School of Mineral Industries, recently attended a meeting in Washington to determine the winners of "war production efficiency awards" and "victory production awards."

During the heavy snows, even the Army couldn't get overshoes in State College. Dean Arthur R.

Warnock had to get a pair for Lt. Col. Guy Mills when he was in New York . . . Dr. M. E. John, sociology professor, believes it takes more than a war to rid husbands of the feeling that a "woman's place is in the home." "It's largely a question of male ego," he says . . . Dr. Walter Coutu predicts the turn of the century will see a stable American population of approximately 140 million people.

Dr. and Mrs. Betts have compiled a bibliography on reading readiness and other related problems, including 8,800 references . . . Dr. Harold F. Alderfer, professor of political science, has just co-authored a civics textbook for high schools, with particular emphasis on the Pennsylvania angle . . . Prof. Charles Lee Decker, Institute of Local Government, recently completed studies of Pennsylvania parking meters, showing the take is a million dollars annually.

## A Lean And Hungry Look

Once upon a time in a lush tropical jungle in central Pennsylvania there lived a tribe of very intelligent monkeys. These monkeys had for many years enjoyed a flowering and cultured civilization. No secret of the earth or of the universe was well enough hidden to escape the investigations of their scientists. No question of morals and ethics remained unanswered by their philosophers. In fact, they professed to know the difference between right and wrong.

One terrible day it became apparent to the elders of this monkey paradise that the young monkeys and monkeyettes were behaving in a manner quite unbecoming civilized monkeyhood. It had been observed that the tender young ones, under the guise of attending a banana party, were wont to swill large amounts of coconut juice. The sudden effect of this infamous draught would turn the genteel banana parties into disgraceful orgies. The little simians discovered that they had a great deal in common, notably their difference in sex. This discovery gave rise to some tentative necking, a practice hitherto confined to the outcast giraffes.

That very night a monster-mass indignation meeting was held to punish the culprits. The wisest minds in monkeydom put their fangs together and offered the errant youth an ultimatum. This ultimatum was presented by the three spinster monkeys in charge of the monkeyettes, see No Evil, Speak No Evil, and Hear No Evil. The terms of their demands were simple: Either the young squirts give up their disgraceful coconut juice and necking, or they would forever be banished from the colony.

The young monkeys immediately rejected the ultimatum which they believed incompatible with the pursuit of happiness. It was only a matter of hours before they left the colony of their birth for all time, taking care to provide themselves with a goodly number of coconut palms for replanting, and an equal number of young monkeys and monkeyettes.

They founded a colony some miles away and settled down to enjoy life. The replanted coconut trees prospered and the juice kept the monkeys in tip-top shape, it being found to be an important source of vitamin D. Healthy and prosperous, the young monkeys became the envy of the jungle for their amorous, good-natured ways.

In the old colony the remaining cravenly young developed tuberculosis from long hours of sitting polishing apples for the three influential spinsters. Sapped of its vitality, the colony was easily liquidated by a band of maurading baboons. The three old maids were subjected to the usual outrages before they died.

MORAL: Spinsters had better stay out of monkey business. —CASSIUS

## Front and Center

Second Lt. Lowell Mason Boorse '37, recently graduated as an aerial navigator at the San Marcos, Tex., Army Air Field . . . Robert J. Day has been promoted to technical sergeant. He is a radio operator and gunner with the 15th AAF in Italy . . . Cpl. Dmitri A. Sweetak, who is in Italy with a B-24 Liberator bombing group, was cited recently "for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity."

Alice L. Veazie was commissioned a second lieutenant in the WAC at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., last month. She did her graduate work at the College . . . Cpl. William F. Ramsay has been advanced to sergeant. He is a nose turret gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress in England . . . Pvt. Martin Allen has entered the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Okla.

First Lt. William F. Holland Jr. '32 and Second Lt. Charles S. Hines have reported to the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point, N. C., for duty with the Ninth Marine Aircraft Wing . . . James J. MacKenzie was recently commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve at the Naval Air Training Base, Pensacola, Fla. . . Donald L. Webb, a Liberator pilot in Italy, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant.

Lt. Charles W. Ogle has reported for duty at the Carlsbad Army Air Field, N. M. He is an overseas veteran and has been awarded the Air Medal with two clusters . . . Samuel J. Janet '41 has completed his training at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center and is now a second lieutenant.

Second Lt. Nicholas M. Ruha has arrived overseas and is now assigned to a veteran 15th Army Air Force bomber group in the Mediterranean theater . . . Staff Sgt. Edward W. Fitzgerald has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for "extremely meritorious services."